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SUBJECT: NAC JUNE 28, 1974: OTHER BUSINESS: SECRETARY KISSINGER

BRIEFING AT JULY 4 NAC

1. RUMSFELD (US) AT JUNE 28 NAC REFERRED TO U.S. SUGGESTION THAT SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM CAPITALS MIGHT ATTEND SECRETARY KISSINGER'S JULY 4 NAC BRIEFING. RUMSFELD SAID THAT SOME DELEGATIONS AT RECENT NATO SUMMIT APPARENTLY MENTIONED TO SECRETARY THAT JULY 4 MIGHT BE SUITABLE OCCASION FOR ATTENDANCE BU SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM CAPITALS.

2. CATALANO (ITALY) SAID THIS WAS GOOD IDEA, WHICH ITALY CAN SUPPORT. MENZIES (CANADA) SAID UNDER SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS WILL ATTEND. BUWALDA (NETHERLANDS) SAID THIS WAS EXCELLENT IDEA, AND THAT DIRECTOR GENERAL IN FOREIGN OFFICE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO COME. PECK (UK) ASKED IF ATTENDANCE BY SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM CAPITALS VOLUNTARY, AND SYG LUNS CONFIRMED THAT IT IS. MENZIES ASKED IF THE SECRETARY WANTED PRELIMINARY REACTIONS ON NATTERS HE WOULD REPORT. RUMSFELD REPLIED THAT SECRETARY ALWAYS INTERESTED IN RACTION OF ALLIES.

3. KRAPF (GERMANY) SAID HE DID NOT THINK IT WAS A GOOD IDEA,
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WHEN IMPORTANT THINGS HAPPEN, ALWAYS TO HAVE PEOPLE FROM CAPITALS, SINCE THIS WEAKENS THE ROLE OF THE COUNCIL. DE ROSE (FRANCE) SAIT IS WAS CLEAR THE SECRETARY'S VISIT WAS IMPORTANT, BUT DE ROSE SHARED KRAPF'S VIEW. HE CONSIDERED THE COUNCIL BETTER QUALIFIED THAN POLITICAL DIRECTORS TO RECEIVE THE SECRETARY'S

REPORT. HE STRESSED THAT FRENCH GOVERNMENT DOES WANT THE REPORT. DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM) OBSERVED THAT POLITICAL DIRECTORS ARE NOT NORMALLY THE ONCE WHO SHOULD SPEAK AT NAC. LUNS NOTED THAT ATTENDANCE BY SENIOR OFFICIALS VOLUNTARY, AND IT WAS UP TO EACH DELEGATION WHO WOULD SPEAK.

4. COMMENT: DE STAERCKE TOLD RUMSFELD AFTER THE MEETING THAT HE ANTICIPATED POLITICAL DIRECTORS OF ABOUT HALF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES WOULD ATTEND, AND SAID BELGIAN POLITICAL DIRECTOR WOULD ATTEND. DE STAERCKE SAID THEREASON FOR POLITICAL DIRECTORS NOT ATTENDING WOULD GENERALLY BE THE NATURE OF THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO PERMREPS AND THEIR POSITIONS WITHIN THEIR FOREIGN MINISTRIES. RUMSFELD.

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